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TAGS: PARM, FR, UR  
SUBJECT: LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP: SOVIET POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 216997

SUMMARY: SOVIET DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SCAE MOROKHOV TELLS  
BRITISH THAT SOVIETS WILL TAKE A VERY HARD LINE AGAINST  
FRENCH OPPOSITION TO FUEL SAFEGUARDS AT UPCOMING NUCLEAR  
SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE. SOVIETS REPORTEDLY WILL THREATEN  
TO WITHDRAW IF THE FRENCH DO NOT AGREE AND WILL ATTEMPT  
PUBLICLY TO PRESSURE THE FRENCH INTO GOING ALONG BY  
PUSHING FOR AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTICIPANTS ON A FUEL  
SAFEGUARDS TEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. BRITISH EMBOFF COVERING DISARMAMENT MATTERS  
HERE DEBRIEFED EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 14 DISCUSSION  
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BETWEEN MOROKHOV AND FCO EXPERT WILMSHURST IN  
MOSCOW.

2. SOURCE, WHO SAT IN ON MOROKHOV-WILMSHURST  
TALKS, SAID MOROKHOV BLUNTLY STATED THAT SOVIETS  
WILL PULL OUT OF NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP IF THE  
FRENCH REMAIN INTRANSIGENT ON ACCEPTING ARTICLE

FOUR ON FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS. HE REJECTED THE POSITION THAT FRENCH SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED TOO HARD ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL AFTER THE FRENCH ELECTIONS, STATING THAT FRENCH ARE NOW HOPING TO SHOW THEMSELVZS AS BEING GENUINELY INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION AND ARE THEREFORE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO "PRESSURE". HE IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO BE VERY HARD ON THE FRENCH DURING THE CONFERENCE. HE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF THE FOURTEEN OTHER PARTICIPANTS AGREEING ON AN ARTICLE FOUR TEXT AND AT THE END OF THE MEETING HEAVILY PUBLICIZING THE FRENCH UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE. A JOINT POSITION SUCH AS THIS COULD LEAD TO A FRENCH DECISION TO SELECT THE OPTION THEY EMPLOYED FOR NPT: ISSUING A STATEMENT THAT FRANCE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH BELIEVE THE SOVIETS ARE PLANNING TO CHANNEL THE CONFERENCE ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. SOVIET OBJECTIVE COULD INCLUDE DISCREDITING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE HAND OF THE LEFT PRIOR TO THE FRENCH ELECTIONS AS WELL AS BRINGING THE FRENCH INTO LINE FOR THE PURPOSES OF NON-PROLIFERATION. THE BRITISH THEMSELVES ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE FRENCH  
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AGREEING TO ARTICLE FOUR BUT ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS AT THE UPCOMING MEETING.  
END COMMENT.  
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